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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the consideration given the present application and acknowledges the indication that claims 2, 3, 5-11, 14, 15, and 47 are allowed.

To expedite prosecution, claims 16-46 and 48 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicant reserving the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the cancelled claims. Minor changes are made to the remaining claims for proper punctuation.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, prompt allowance is in order, and such action is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicant hereby requests any required extension of time not otherwise requested and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any prescribed fees not otherwise provided for, including application processing, extension, and extra claims fees, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337.

Respectfully submitted,

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